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PG&E Corporation ("PG&E Corp.") and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the "Utility"), as debtors and reorganized debtors (collectively, the "Debtors" or as reorganized pursuant to the Plan, ¹ the "Reorganized Debtors") in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases"), submit the following objections to the Declaration of Scott Bates (the "Bates Declaration") attached to the *Motion for Relief from Plan Injunction, to Compel Arbitration and/or for Abstention* filed by Fulcrum Credit Partners, LLC [Docket No. 11066].

- 1. Objection is made to paragraph 3 of the Bates Declaration on the ground that it is argumentative, vague and ambiguous. *See* FRE 611; FRE 403.
- 2. Objection is made to the first sentence of paragraph 4 of the Bates Declaration on the ground that the Declarant does not state that he "began to discuss terms for use of the Property with PG&E" and may lack personal knowledge. *See* FRE 602. The statement is also argumentative, vague and ambiguous. *See* FRE 611; FRE 403. Objection is made to the second sentence of paragraph 4 of the Bates Declaration on the grounds that it lacks foundation and is vague and ambiguous. Objection is made to the fourth sentence in paragraph 4 of the Bates Declaration on the grounds that it is argumentative and directly contrary to the terms of the integrated Letter Agreement, which states that TRA, not PG&E, "winterized" the property by transporting and dumping gravel and base rock at the expense of PG&E—all with TRA's express agreement. *See* FRE 611; FRE 403; Cal. Civ. Code § 1625; Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 1856; *Cruzan by Cruzan v. Director of Missouri Dept. of Health*, 497 U.S. 261, 284 (1990).
- 3. Objection is made to paragraph 5 of the Bates Declaration to the extent it purports to interpret and characterize the provisions of the integrated Letter Agreement dated November 18, 2018. See Cal. Civ. Code § 1625; Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 1856; Cruzan by Cruzan v. Director of Missouri Dept. of Health, 497 U.S. 261, 284 (1990).
- 4. Objection is made to paragraph 6 of the Bates Declaration on the grounds that it constitutes impermissible hearsay. *See* FRE 801(c). Further objection is made to paragraph 6 on the

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the *Reorganized Debtors' Opposition to Motion for Relief from Plan Injunction, to Compel Arbitration and/or for Abstention* [Docket No. 11263].

ground that it lacks foundation and is inconsistent with other facts, including the Letter Agreement.

See FRE 104; Cal. Civ. Code § 1625; Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 1856; Cruzan by Cruzan v. Director of Missouri Dept. of Health, 497 U.S. 261, 284 (1990).

- 5. Objection is made to Paragraph 7 of the Bates Declaration on the grounds that it is vague, ambiguous, argumentative and lacks foundation. *See* FRE 611; FRE 403; FRE 104.
- 6. Objection is made to Paragraph 8 of the Bates Declaration on the ground that the statement that TRA was "forced" to file a Proof of Claim is argumentative. *See* FRE 611; FRE 403.

The Reorganized Debtors respectfully request that the Court sustain their Objections to the Declaration of Scott Bates.

Dated: September 15, 2021

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